

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed December 5, 2005. Claims 1-15 remain pending in the application and Claims 1-9 are allowed. Claims 10-12, 14 and 15 stand rejected, and claim 13 was objected to for depending from a rejected base claim.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner, Robert G. Santos, for the telephone interview with Applicants' representative David W. Dorton, on January 9, 2006. Independent claims 10 and 15 were discussed with respect to the references of record. During the interview, it was agreed that amending claims 10 and 15 to recite generally C-shaped channels would overcome the rejections of those claims, as noted in the Interview Summary. Claims 10 and 15 have been amended herein to include this language, and Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 10 and 15 be withdrawn.

Claims 11, 12 and 14 each depend from independent claim 10 and are therefore in condition for allowance for at least the reasons stated above for claim 10. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 11, 12 and 14 be withdrawn.

Claim 13 was objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 13 has now been rewritten in independent form, and Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 13 be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

In view of the Interview Summary dated January 17, 2006, the foregoing amendments to the claims, and the remarks set forth herein, Applicants believe this case is in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes any issue requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved. The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

If any additional charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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